

Auburn BPW Water Department Receives Nebraska Rural Water Association's Best Tasting Water Award!



Pictured above, from left to right: Kenny Swanson, Alan Slater, Jay Theye, Bob Wintz, Scott Sherman and Kiefer Coatney.

For the second time in three years, the Auburn Board of Public Works (BPW) water department has been recognized for the Best Tasting Water.

The utility was honored at the 41st Nebraska Rural Water Association's annual conference which took place Monday through Wednesday, March 11 through 13 in Kearney. BPW is eligible to advance to the National Rural Water Competition held later this year in New York City. In the fall of 2017 BPW's drinking water was rated best tasting in the treated water category from the Nebraska section of the American Water Works Association.

Ken Swanson, BPW water and wastewater manager, called the contest a voluntary one. Operators from throughout the Cornhusker State can bring a container of water from their system. It is judged by a randomly selected panel. Receptacles entered are assigned a number. Samples are rated by taste, appearance and odor. The entrant scoring the most points is awarded Best Tasting Water in Nebraska.

Auburn was among 10 entrants in the 2019 competition. Others included the Village of Cortland, 2018 winner also taking third place at last year's National Rural Water conference.

"Auburn is fortunate to have very dedicated water operators who pride themselves in supplying its customers with very high quality treated water," Swanson